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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary labor force estimates, New Mexico's unemployment situation remained relatively unchanged during October. Normal seasonal movement was reflected in the estimates, as the number of jobless grew by 1,300 during the month to a total of 39,100. New Mexico's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than in September. The nationwide jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 7.5 percent this October, up from 7.3 percent the previous month.

Total nonfarm payroll jobs fell by 600 in October to a total of 471,100. The services industry recorded the largest monthly job change, a decline of 1,300. Most of the loss was in social services and the tourism dependent lodging sector. Social services continued to be adversely affected by cutbacks in federally funded employment and training programs. This sector has now lost 2,400 jobs over the past year. Trade employment decreased by 700 during the month, caused by seasonal declines in most retail categories.

On the plus side during October were the construction, manufacturing and government industries. The 400 gain in construction was unusual as declines in building activities generally are reflected in the estimate this time of year. Several large commercial projects around the state are buttressing this industry. Some of these projects are the $210 million expansion of Kennecott Corporation's copper mill near Silver City, Plains Electric Cooperative's new generating plant at Prewitt and installation of pollution control equipment at the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington.

The 600 job gain in manufacturing was caused almost entirely by the return of striking workers in the transportation equipment segment. The firm involved in the labor dispute was Transportation Manufacturing Corporation in Roswell. In the public sector, gains in education-related local government jobs were partially offset by seasonal downturns in federal and state government.

OCTOBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct 1981	Sep 1981	Oct 1980	Sep 1981	Oct 1980
Civilian Labor Force	567,900	565,300	549,500	+2,600	+18,400
Employment	528,800	527,500	508,100	+1,300	+20,700
Unemployment	39,100	37,800	41,400	+1,300	- 2,300
Rate (Actual)	6.9	6.7	7.5		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1981	Revised SEP 1981	Revised OCT 1980	OCT Change From SEP 1981	OCT Change From OCT 1980
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	471,100	471,700	462,000	- 600	+9,100
MINING	30,700	30,900	29,800	- 200	+ 900
Metal Mining	9,000	9,100	10,500	- 100	-1,500
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,500	5,400	5,400	+ 100	+ 100
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,200	16,400	13,900	- 200	+2,300
CONSTRUCTION	31,200	30,800	29,300	+ 400	+1,900
MANUFACTURING	32,900	32,300	34,000	+ 600	-1,100
Durable Goods	19,600	19,100	19,800	+ 500	- 200
Lumber and Wood Products	2,500	2,500	2,200	0	+ 300
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	- 100
Transportation Equipment	3,600	3,100	3,800	+ 500	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,100	10,100	10,300	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	13,300	13,200	14,200	+ 100	- 900
Food and Kindred Products	4,500	4,400	4,700	+ 100	0
Textiles and Apparel	3,500	3,500	3,900	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	29,400	29,000	- 100	+ 300
Railroad Transportation	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,600	5,500	5,400	+ 100	+ 200
Other Transportation	3,800	3,900	3,700	- 100	+ 100
Communication	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	- 200
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,100	- 100	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	107,500	108,200	103,600	- 700	+3,900
Wholesale Trade	21,800	21,800	21,500	0	+ 300
Durable Goods	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,500	0	+ 300
Retail Trade	85,700	86,400	82,100	- 700	+3,600
General Merchandise Stores	11,400	11,300	10,700	+ 100	+ 700
Food Stores	12,300	12,600	11,700	- 300	+ 600
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,700	12,400	- 100	- 800
Eating and Drinking Places	29,200	29,500	26,900	- 300	+2,300
Other Retail Trade	21,200	21,300	20,400	- 100	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,200	21,300	21,000	- 100	+ 200
Banking	7,400	7,400	7,100	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,300	8,400	8,500	- 100	- 200
SERVICES	91,000	92,300	89,400	-1,300	+1,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,700	10,100	9,800	- 400	- 100
Personal Services	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	+ 100
Business Services	19,700	19,300	17,900	+ 400	+1,800
Health Services	22,500	22,700	21,100	- 200	+1,400
Social Services	7,200	8,200	9,600	-1,000	-2,400
Membership Organizations	4,900	5,000	5,100	- 100	- 200
Other Services	22,500	22,500	21,500	0	+1,000
GOVERNMENT	127,300	126,500	125,900	+ 800	+1,400
Federal	29,600	30,000	28,800	- 400	+ 800
State 2/	45,200	45,500	45,100	- 300	+ 100
Local	52,500	51,000	52,000	+1,500	+ 500

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, little change occurred in Albuquerque's unemployment situation during October. The area's unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged from September at 7.0 percent. Improvement from a year ago continued to be evident in the estimates as October's jobless rate was significantly lower than the 8.3 percent rate recorded a year ago.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment declined seasonally during October, with all major industries recording either employment decreases or no change. Government experienced the largest reduction, -300 jobs, as mostly seasonal losses in the federal and state sectors offset gains in local education. The construction and services industries fell by 200 jobs each during the month, a usual occurance as warm weather activities taper off.

Total nonfarm employment grew by 3,100 jobs from last October and the gains were concentrated in the trade and service industries. Individual sectors recording the largest increases were eating & drinking places in trade and health, business, personal and educational services.

Two major industries, manufacturing and transportation & public utilities, showed job losses from last October. The manufacturing industry has experienced gradual job losses since mid-1980; however transportation & public utilities is relatively new to the loss column. The communications sector was the reason for the yearly job loss. This sector has been adversely affected in recent months by the transfer of several hundred Mountain Bell jobs to the Phoenix area. In manufacturing, virtually all of the durable good sectors continued to show over-the-year losses, while the apparel sector accounted for most of the non-durable job reduction.

OCTOBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Oct 1981	Revised Sep 1981	Revised Oct 1980	Change From Sep 1981	Change From Oct 1980
Civilian Labor Force	208,000	210,000	202,500	-2,000	+5,500
Employment	193,400	195,100	185,600	-1,700	+7,800
Unemployment	14,600	14,900	16,900	- 300	-2,300
Rate (Actual)	7.0	7.1	8.3		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1981	Revised SEP 1981	Revised OCT 1980	OCT Change From SEP 1981	OCT Change From OCT 1980
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	189,200	190,000	186,100	- 800	+3,100
CONSTRUCTION	11,900	12,100	11,800	- 200	+ 100
MANUFACTURING	17,100	17,100	17,900	0	- 800
Durable Goods	11,500	11,500	12,000	0	- 500
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,900	0	- 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,900	11,900	- 100	- 100
Transportation	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Communication	3,900	4,000	4,300	- 100	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,100	0	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,100	48,100	46,800	0	+1,300
Wholesale Trade	13,000	12,900	12,800	+ 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,300	4,200	4,200	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	35,100	35,200	34,000	- 100	+1,100
General Merchandise Stores	4,500	4,400	4,300	+ 100	+ 200
Food Stores	4,200	4,300	4,000	- 100	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	12,600	12,700	11,700	- 100	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	9,700	9,700	9,600	0	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	- 300
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	45,900	46,100	43,800	- 200	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	+ 200
Health Services	10,800	10,800	10,100	0	+ 700
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,600	- 100	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	28,000	28,100	26,900	- 100	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	43,400	43,700	42,900	- 300	+ 500
Federal	12,600	12,900	12,000	- 300	+ 600
State	12,500	13,300	12,400	- 800	+ 100
Local	18,300	17,500	18,500	+ 800	- 200

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1981	Revised SEP 1981	Revised OCT 1980	OCT Change From SEP	OCT Change From OCT
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	30,500	29,725	30,175	+775	+325
CONSTRUCTION	1,650	1,750	1,800	-100	-150
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,775	2,775	+ 75	+ 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,150	0	+ 50
Transportation	550	525	525	+ 25	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	675	625	- 25	+ 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,525	5,500	5,450	+ 25	+ 75
Wholesale Trade	825	825	825	0	0
Retail Trade	4,700	4,675	4,625	+ 25	+ 75
General Merchandise Stores	725	725	575	0	+150
Food Stores	625	625	600	0	+ 25
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	775	775	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,575	1,550	1,675	+ 25	-100
Other Retail Trade	975	1,000	1,000	- 25	- 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,225	1,175	0	+ 50
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,175	3,975	4,150	+200	+ 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	650	0	0
Business Services	700	725	725	- 25	- 25
Health Services	675	675	625	0	+ 50
Social Services	400	425	475	- 25	- 75
Other Services	1,750	1,500	1,675	+250	+ 75
GOVERNMENT	13,875	13,300	13,675	+575	+200
Federal	4,225	4,225	4,275	0	- 50
State	5,375	4,900	5,400	+475	- 25
Local	4,275	4,175	4,000	+100	+275

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980
MINING	$442.76	$444.43	$410.70	44.1	43.7	44.4	$10.04	$10.17	$9.25
CONSTRUCTION	386.20	358.64	339.38	37.9	35.9	35.8	10.19	9.99	9.48
MANUFACTURING	255.38	259.88	239.80	37.5	37.5	40.1	6.81	6.93	5.98
Durable Goods	280.19	287.43	271.09	38.7	39.0	41.9	7.24	7.37	6.47
Nondurable Goods	212.05	213.50	188.98	35.4	35.0	37.2	5.99	6.10	5.08
COMM and UTIL	365.24	369.64	316.98	39.4	42.1	40.9	9.27	8.78	7.75
TRADE *	234.85	246.63	233.99	35.0	35.9	35.4	6.71	6.87	6.61
BANKING	173.90	172.50	163.18	37.0	37.5	37.6	4.70	4.60	4.34

ALBUQUERQUE AREA

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980	OCT 1981	SEP 1981	OCT 1980
Manufacturing	$270.40	$267.72	$254.18	38.3	38.8	41.6	$7.06	$6.90	$6.11

* Excludes eating and drinking places

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Cole Templeton Incorporated was awarded the contract to build a 120 bed convalescent hospital for Presbyterian Hospital Center. Work on the new facility located near I-25 and San Mateo should be complete by early 1983 and over 100 persons should be employed at the hospital. Mountain Bell recently transferred 116 Albuquerque accounting jobs to Phoenix. W&W Steel Co. has purchased the Albuquerque Steel fabrication facility of Rio Grande Steel and plans to double the present plant production by next year. W&W Steel plans to shut down the operation for several months beginning in April for plant modification which will mean a lay-off of about 200 workers. W&W is expected to increase employment to about 300 when the plant returns to production. Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International in Albuquerque has received an $18 million contract from the Air Force to test materials used in high energy lasers. The laser work will be done on Kirtland Air Force Base and Rocketdyne's Albuquerque employment should total about 150 persons. The Albuquerque City Council has approved the Uptown Sector Development Plan. Under the plan, developers will pay approximately $1.3 million for construction of a loop road encircling the intersection of Louisiana and Indian School Road while the city will pay for $2.8 million in construction costs for a series of other street improvements. Sandia National Laboratory has instigated a freeze on all outside hiring because of current uncertainty about the proposed 1982 federal budget.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - The most recent year-to-date visitor statistics for White Sands National Monument show travel up by 27,000 persons or 5.3 percent from the same period in 1980. The First City Financial Corporation has applied to charter a national bank in Ruidoso.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - National Potash Company has laid off about eighty employees at their Eddy County mine due to the current weak potash market. Cementation Corporation has begun work on a $16 million contract at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site near Carlsbad. Cementation should employ about 80 persons at the Department of Energy project. The Eddy County Commission approved the issuance of $1.7 million in industrial revenue bonds for pollution control equipment at the Amax Chemical Corporation potash mine. The Rasco-Tempo variety store in Carlsbad has closed affecting approximately 15 workers. Randall Farms, Ltd., an Idaho-based firm, wants to locate a 1,500 cow dairy operation near Carlsbad which would employ about fifteen persons.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - R.W. Knudson and Son, a California apple juice canner, is considering locating a plant which would initially employ 30 workers. A new 43,000 square foot Bag and Save grocery store will be built in Los Lunas beginning late this year. The new store should be open for business in mid-February. The State Corrections Department is now looking at a location near Los Lunas as the site for the new $19 million prison facility originally planned for Bernalillo or Sandoval counties. The proposed site is a 1,300 acre tract near the existing medium security prison south of Los Lunas. The new prison would employ 274 persons with an annual payroll of $6.5 million. The Belen City Council has designated a 200 acre site south of town for development into an industrial park. Funding to develop the park will be sought from the 1982 State Legislature.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Honetreat Company has expanded its Clovis manufacturing plant by 11,000 square feet. The firm manufactures various types of pipe. Work has started on a $130,000 alcohol manufacturing plant at New Mexico State University's Plains branch in Clovis. The plant will be used to determine the economic feasibility of alcohol fuel production in New Mexico. Work on the $1.6 million high school complex at Melrose is continuing with completion scheduled for June 1982.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA - Burn Construction Company of Las Cruces was awarded the contract for the $4.5 million waste water disposal plant for Deming. Work is expected to begin on the project later this year with completion set for late 1982. Sparton Southwest Incorporated of Albu-

querque is establishing a electronics assemblies manufacturing plant in the former Spring City Knitting facility in Deming. Initial employment at the new plant will be approximately 20 workers. A California firm, Seville - Trident Corporation is drilling a 12 to 15,000 foot wildcat oil well near Deming.

ESPANOLA AREA - Khalsa Builders of Espanola was the low bidder for a $162,000 contract to add new offices at the Rio Arriba County Courthouse. Building Contractor's Incorporated was awarded a $783,000 contract for construction of several school facilities on the Jicarilla Reservation.

FARMINGTON AREA - Sanders Construction Company has won a $1.9 million contract for a new sewage treatment plant in Aztec. The Caribou Four Corners Refinery is back in full production with a crew of 15 persons after minimal operations for the last six months.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - A 68,300 square foot K-Mart discount store employing about 90 persons has opened in the Rio West Mall in Gallup. Shell Oil Company has announced a preliminary agreement to sell its Cinza Refinery near Gallup to Giant Industries of Phoenix. Giant's future plans for the refinery which employs about 90 persons were not disclosed. Gulf Mineral Resources has laid off 100 of its 700 employees at the Mount Taylor uranium mine construction project. Construction work on the mine will continue although a completion date is now uncertain.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Courson Corporation of Carlsbad has received a $531,000 contract for a classroom addition at Taylor Middle School in Lovington. Hospital Corporation of America is considering a $5 to $6 million expansion for Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs; however no definite decision has been made on the project.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Major commercial projects underway in Las Cruces include work on several new shops at the recently opened Mesilla Valley Mall, a four screen theatre, a Smith Food King Supermarket, a Sandia Savings and Loan Branch, a new facility for Whitfield Bus Lines and the SWIG pecan processing plant. The State Corrections Department has announced that work on the proposed 288 inmate capacity prison near Las Cruces could begin as early as this January. The prison is expected to cost approximately $25.5 million and be built on a 200 acre site five miles west of Las Cruces. Dona Ana county commissioners authorized the issuance of $9.4 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance construction of the Enersteel Products manufacturing plant in the Santa Teresa Industrial Park south of Las Cruces. The 40,000 square foot plant is expected to employ about 50 persons when in operation.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas is scheduled for a $1 million restoration project beginning in February. T. Brown Construction Company was the low bidder on $7.5 million worth of highway construction on I-25 near Las Vegas. Work has begun on a $177,000 repair project on Bradner Dam.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - County voters have approved a $1.1 million bond issue for capital improvements at the Los Alamos branch of the University of New Mexico. The Department of Energy has awarded Snider-Chapman Construction Company of Santa Fe a $313,000 contract for construction of a passive solar test facility and museum modifications at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA - The Pacific Stud sawmill and fingerjoint manufacturing plants in Cimarron were closed due to the current depressed lumber market. Pacific Stud was Cimarron's largest employer with approximately 90 workers. The Cimarron Diversion Project, a multi-million dollar underground water transmission line from Raton to the Cimmaron River, is scheduled to go out to bid in December.

ROSWELL AREA - The State Highway Department has chosen Roswell as the site of its employee training academy in administration, engineering and road maintenance. The Department will use existing facili-

ties at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for the Academy. Transportation Manufacturing Corporation has now completed its $15 million expansion program at the firm's bus manufacturing plants in Roswell and now has begun a hiring-training phase which will eventually add nearly 500 workers to the payroll. The firm plans to increase production at the Roswell facility to three complete Greyhound buses each day by late next year.

SANTA FE AREA - The Santa Fe City Council has approved the location of a large Mervyn's department store as the anchor retailer for a proposed shopping center at the corner of Cerrillos and Rodeo Road. Plans call for bids to be open in December for a $4.5 million renovation project at the old St. Vincent Hospital complex. The facility will be converted into a 135 bed nursing home to be operated by Presbyterian Medical Services.

SILVER CITY AREA - Bechtel, the prime contractor for the major expansion project now underway at Kennecott Corporation's Chino Mines Division at Santa Rita, is expected to employ a peak of approximately 2,000 workers late this year. The $210 million project is scheduled for completion by July 1982. Sharon Steel Corporation laid off 42 workers in October at its Hanover Copper mine. Sharon Steel had previously reduced its workforce by 100 persons in July due to a depressed copper market. Phelps Dodge is going ahead with a detailed engineering study of the proposed $30 million copper extraction plant at their Tyrone Branch; however a decision on actual construction has not been made. Phelps Dodge also announced that due to current low ore prices the Tyrone Copper mine will be shut down from December 23 through January 1st, affecting approximately 700 employees.

TAOS AREA - Carson National Forest Officials recently approved the master plan for future development of Taos Ski Valley. The ski area plan calls for adding trails and lifts and for expansion of parking facilities. Amalia Lumber Company reduced their sawmill operations to only one shift, resulting in the layoff of approximately 70 persons.

TUCUMCARI AREA - The Tucumcari City Council has approved the issuance of $750,000 in industrial revenue bonds to finance the construction of the proposed Grain Power Inc. ethanol plant. Transcon Freight Lines laid off 10 drivers at their Tucumcari facility.

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October 1981 CPI-U - 279.9

(Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 279.7

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1981[1/]				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1981[1/]				REVISED OCTOBER 1980[1/]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	567,858	528,778	39,080	6.9	565,272	527,483	37,789	6.7	549,468	508,092	41,376	7.5
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA[2/]	208,015	193,438	14,577	7.0	210,016	195,079	14,937	7.1	202,535	185,613	16,922	8.4
LAS CRUCES SMSA[3/]	35,520	33,012	2,508	7.1	33,884	31,563	2,321	6.8	34,344	32,064	2,280	6.6
Catron	1,145	1,002	143	12.5	1,161	1,054	107	9.2	1,020	957	63	6.2
Chaves	21,691	20,603	1,088	5.0	21,584	20,427	1,157	5.4	21,456	20,456	1,000	4.7
Colfax	6,199	5,832	367	5.9	6,366	6,083	283	4.4	6,095	5,762	333	5.5
Curry	14,598	13,796	802	5.5	14,435	13,633	802	5.6	14,548	13,559	989	6.8
De Baca	1,078	1,058	20	1.9	1,101	1,081	20	1.8	1,150	1,129	21	1.8
Eddy	22,634	21,423	1,211	5.4	22,167	21,185	982	4.4	20,893	19,885	1,008	4.8
Grant	11,684	10,775	909	7.8	11,196	10,538	658	5.9	9,586	8,829	757	7.9
Guadalupe	1,542	1,415	127	8.2	1,599	1,464	135	8.4	1,668	1,495	173	10.4
Harding	650	634	16	2.5	642	628	14	2.2	633	614	19	3.0
Hidalgo	2,384	2,295	89	3.7	2,386	2,277	109	4.6	2,349	2,259	90	3.8
Lea	31,214	30 084	1,130	3.6	30,461	29,709	752	2.5	28,234	27,483	751	2.7
Lincoln	6,149	5,956	193	3.1	6,467	6,296	171	2.6	6,266	5,973	293	4.7
Los Alamos	10,436	10,201	235	2.3	10,423	10,230	193	1.9	10,223	9,743	480	4.7
Luna	5,500	5,096	404	7.3	5,379	5,030	349	6.5	5,564	5,017	547	9.8
McKinley	18,756	16,978	1,778	9.5	18,710	16,942	1,768	9.4	18,334	16,735	1,599	8.7
Mora	1,151	839	312	27.1	1,071	831	240	22.4	1,168	884	284	24.3
Otero	13,200	12,212	988	7.5	13,229	12,236	993	7.5	13,208	12,254	954	7.2
Quay	5,114	4,831	283	5.5	4,988	4,751	237	4.8	5,336	5,090	246	4.6
Rio Arriba	10,106	8,508	1,598	15.8	10,496	8,857	1,639	15.6	10,238	8,560	1,678	16.4
Roosevelt	7,867	7,696	171	2.2	7,643	7,473	170	2.2	8,147	7,802	345	4.2
San Juan	39,412	36,217	3,195	8.1	38,005	35,133	2,872	7.6	36,174	33,040	3,134	8.7
San Miguel	8,193	7,438	755	9.2	8,278	7,565	713	8.6	8,063	7,233	830	10.3
Santa Fe	35,513	33,511	2,002	5.6	35,880	33,889	1,991	5.5	35,286	32,893	2,393	6.8
Sierra	3,405	3,279	126	3.7	3,164	3,032	132	4.2	2,780	2,706	74	2.7
Socorro	4,717	4,347	370	7.8	4,413	4,086	327	7.4	4,376	4,107	269	6.1
Taos	9,652	8,432	1,220	12.6	9,634	8,557	1,077	11.2	8,492	7,305	1,187	14.0
Torrance	2,343	2,284	59	2.5	2,196	2,132	64	2.9	2,141	2,025	116	5.4
Union	2,354	2,264	90	3.8	2,297	2,227	70	3.0	2,221	2,128	93	4.2
Valencia, Cibola[4/]	25,636	23,322	2,314	9.0	26,001	23,495	2,506	9.6	26,940	24,492	2,448	9.1

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

4/ Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.